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SUBJECT: FINNISH-YUGOSLAVIAN CONSULATATIONS ON CSCE DURING MINIC  
VISIT TO THELSINKI

1. AS PART OF REGUALR CONSULATATIONS WITH MFA ON CSCE  
MATTERS, POL COUNS ON JULY 1 DISCUSSED RECENT FINNISH-  
YUGOSLAVIAN CSCE CONSULTATIONS DURING THE VISIT OF  
YUGOSLAV FOREIGN MINISTER MINIC TO HELSINKI JUNE 21-23  
WITH MFA POLITICAL DEPARTMENT SECTION CHIEF JAKKO  
BLOMBERG.

2. BLOMBERG SAID THAT MOST OF MINIC'S DISCUSSION WITH  
FIREUGB NUBUSTER SIRSA WAS TAKEN UP BY THE NON-ALIGNED  
CONFERENCE IN COLOMBO AND THE BELGRADE CSCE MEETING.  
IN FACT, ACCORDING TO BLOMBERG, THE YUGOSLAVS SEEMED TO  
BE STILL PRIMARILY CONCENTRATING ON THE COLOMBO MEETING  
WHERE THEY APPARENTLY EXPECT TO PLAY A CENTRAL ROLE.  
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THE CSCE DISCUSSION COVERED BOTH DEVELOPMENTS LEADING UP TO BELGRAD 1977 AND THE POSSIBLE OUTCOME OF THE MEETING. AS A GENERAL OBSERVATION, BLOMBERG SAID THAT THE FINNS ARE UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THE YUGOSLAVS ARE STILL VERY MUCH AT SEA REGARDING WHAT SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT THE BELGRADE MEETING.

3. PERHAPS BECAUSE THE YUGOSLAVS ARE UNSURE OF WHAT DIRECTION THEY SHOULD TAKE THEY ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THE WORKING GROUP SET UP BY THE FOUR NEUTRALS (AUSTRIA, FINLAND, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND). BLOMBERG SAID THAT THE FINNS HAVE NOTHING AGAINST THIS, BUT THOUGHT THAT SOME OF THE OTHER NEUTRALS MIGHT OBJECT. IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE ACCEPTED INTO THE NEUTRAL GROUP, THE YUGOSLAVS REPORTEDLY INTEND TO CONSULT WITH ALL CSCE COUNTRIES.

4. AT THIS TIME BOTH THE GOF AND THE GOY ARE WORKING ON THE PREMISE THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO HOLD THE BELGRADE MEETING IN TWO SHORT STAGES. THEY ENVISAGE ABOUT FOUR WEEKS FOR THE PREPARATORY STAGE AND ANOTHER FOUR WEEKS FOR THE FINAL STAGE. BLOMBERG DID REMARK THAT THIS OF COURSE MIGHT BE WISHFUL THINKING AND THAT ONE HAD TO BE PREPARED, BASED ON PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE, FOR A MUCH LONGER PREPARATORY STAGE.

5. CONCERNING WHAT WAS TO BE THE RESULT OF THE BELGRADE MEETING, BLOMBERG SAID THAT BOTH THE FINNS AND THE YUGOSLAVS THOUGHT THAT IN ADDITION TO AN EVALUATION OF THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE 1975 FINAL ACT HAD BEEN IMPLEMENTED, THERE SHOULD BE SOMETHING NEW EMANATING FROM THE BELGRADE MEETING. BOTH PARTIES FELT THAT IT WAS MORE REASONABLE TO EXPECT SEVERAL SMALLER DOCUMENTS, RATHER THAN ONE IN THE STYLE OF THE FINAL ACT, TO RESULT FROM BELGRADE. THE ONLY THING THAT BOTH THE FINNS AND THE YUGOSLAVS AGREED SHOULD DEFINITELY BE TAKEN UP IN BELGRADE WAS THE SWISS PROPOSAL FOR PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF CONFLICTS. OTHER POSSIBLE DOCUMENTS MIGHT DEAL WITH CBM'S AND SECOND BASKET ITEMS. (IN THIS CONNECTION CONFIDENTIAL

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BLOMBERG POINTED OUT THAT THE YUGOSLAVS HAD EMPHASIZED ECE ACTIVITY FOR SECOND BASKET QUESTIONS.) THE YUGOSLAVS ARE ALSO STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF HAVING SOME DOCUMENT CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF THE FINAL ACT TO THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA, BUT NOT NECESSARILY INCLUDING THE MIDDLE EAST. ACCORDING TO BLOMBERG THE FINNS ARE TAKING A HANDS OFF POSITION ON THIS MATTER BECAUSE THEY FEEL THAT IT WILL ONLY CREATE UNNECESSARY PROBLEMS. AS

A MATTER OF FACT, BLOMBERG EXPRESSED THE OPINION  
THAT ONE SHOULD NOT BE TOO AMBITIOUS AND ATTEMPT TO  
ACHIEVE TOO MUCH AT BELGRADE, BECAUSE THEN THE RISK  
OF FAILURE WOULD BE RATHER GREAT. POLCOUNS GAIN  
TTTTHE IMPRESSION THAT THE FINNS ARE MORE CONCERNED WITH  
KEEPING THE CSCE PROCESS GOING AS BEST IT CAN AND  
WOULD PREFER TO WAIT FOR A FURTHER RELAXATION OF  
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